

Subject: Re: FW: News Racks Hollywood Media District 311 Service Request Status Update

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Date: 08/17/2016 02:09 PM

To: Lisa Schechter <lisa@mediadistrict.org>

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Hi Lisa,

Thanks for this and our conversation at the BID Consortium meeting last week.

Let me touch base with Kevin and circle back with you.

Best, Heather

On Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 10:17 AM, Lisa Schechter <lisa@mediadistrict.org> wrote:

Dear Commissioners:

Just to let you know that I have been attempting to "Clean Up" the horrific news racks in the Hollywood Media District. They are a nuisance to the public as well as to our Stakeholders. I have attempted to utilize the 3-1-1 reporting system however due to staffing reductions in BSS (investigation) they are unable to enforce in a timely manner. If the news racks are going to remain in the District, at the very least I would expect them to be "clean, with no graffiti and in working condition" - **Definitely not the condition that they are in today.** Perhaps funding should be looked at if the City wants to retain the news rack program - at the very least make sure that the program is funded for cost recovery. It is unfair to the District and Stakeholders to have these unsightly and distasteful nuisances in the public right of way that are not maintain on a regular basis. In fact its an insult to have the City turn over the responsibility of the commercial sidewalk to the property owners with these nuisances.

Please advise as to enforcement and removal of these blighted boxes as their asset service life has expired!

Thank you,

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Hello Lisa,

The problem we have is that newsrack enforcement funding went away several years ago. We use to have a dedicated team to deal with enforcement.

It is now part of our normal enforcement and we address as resources allows unless it is a public safety issue such as a newsrack that is obstructing the sidewalk, hit by a car etc...We will address as soon as possible and keep you posted.

Tom

On Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 9:33 AM, Lisa Schechter <lisa@mediadistrict.org> wrote:
Dear Lt. Perez:

Thank you for your update on this nuisance issue that our BID is having. Just to let you know this is not our comprehensive list of news racks. I know that I have missed some of them and will be going back out when time permits to log those in as well. Thank you for your reply and look forward to the update on the remaining new racks.

By the way, what can I expect as far as timing - meaning how many days does the news company have in order to remedy the violation? What is the process? Is there a point in time where the City can deem it abandoned? Please let me know and by the way what is your contact phone number?

Regards,

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Lisa,

Inv. Harris is going out this morning to follow up on the news rack violations. He will update the CRM system of the progress.

Thank you,

Lt. Manuel Perez

On Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 4:30 PM, gary.harris@lacity.org <chief.investigator.la@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello ,

Lt. Perez will update you. Once tagged there are time periods required by ordinance before removal. He will provide the latest information.

Thanks

Gary

Sent from the future

On Aug 16, 2016, at 3:23 PM, Lisa Schechter <lisa@mediadistrict.org> wrote:

Dear Gary and Manuel:

Just following up with you regarding all the service requests that I have placed on behalf of the Hollywood Media District BID. The bulk of my requests to 311 have not been updated or completed; they are as follows:

July 1, 2016 Submitted to 3-1-1:

News Rack Location	Status	Service Request
#		
1050 N. Highland		
1-232773386	Pending	

6480 W. Santa Monica Blvd 1-232784519	Closed 7-5-2016
6300 W. Santa Monica Blvd 1-232804352	Pending
861 Vine Street 1-232807355	Closed 7-5-2016
861 Vine Street 1-232811567	Closed 7-5-2016
727 Vine Street 1-232817426	Closed 7-5-2016
727 Vine Street 1-232818134	Closed 7-5-2016
727 Vine Street 1-232822893	Closed 7-5-2016
727 Vine Street 1-232823092	Closed 7-5-2016
727 Vine Street 1-232821088	Closed 7-5-2016
724 Highland 1-232849467	Pending
1323 Highland 1-232854120	Pending
1323 Highland 1-23285851	Pending
1323 Highland 1-232863716	Pending
1243 Highland 1-232871267	Pending
1243 Highland 1-232872102	Pending
1243 Highland 1-232872069	Pending
1001 Highland 1-232914230	Pending
1051 Highland 1-232932461	Pending
6678 W. Santa Monica 1-232938445	Pending
6678 W. Santa Monica 1-232939198	Pending

I would like to request a follow up on all these open Service Requests in regards to the damaged/graffitied/abandoned news racks within the Hollywood Media District BID. I have taken quite a bit of my time to identify the new racks that are not in compliance with LAMC Section 42.00(f) - particular subsection (6) Maintenance Specifications - ***not maintained in neat and clean condition and in good repair.*** These news rack companies should have already responded to the violations of graffiti and cleaning. They are supposed to remedy the non compliance within 24 hours of notifications but in no event more

than 72 hours. It has been closed to 45 days since my initial report - I need assistance in getting these news racks cleaned up or REMOVED in some cases.

Please advise

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